Rocks News

Rocks, March 26.- Farmers are busy plowing. The ladies are planting gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby March and children and her father, Mr. Kirby, of Lynchburg spen last Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. March. Mr and Mrs. March accompanied them home for over night.

Mrs. G. T. March, who was sick a few days last week is better.

G. T. March took his wife to Appomattox Friday to see a doctor. While there he called to see G. H. Ranson.

A large crowd attended the funeral for Mrs. Sherman Garling-house at Rocks Thursday afternoon. The remains were carried on to Keysville for interment.

Mrs. Rhony Wilson went to Keysville Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Richard Inge taught a mission study class at Rocks Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Holman Ranson, of Appomattox spent Sunday with Mrs. W. F. Ranson, son-in-law and Mrs. J. F. Ranson.

Mrs. D. R. Inge spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Roark.

Mrs. L. E. Almond, Mrs. Otis Ranson, and daughter, Charlene went to see the farmer's sister, Mrs. T. R. Richardson, recently.

Pete Shelton bought a horse from A. T. Anderson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C S Ranson and daughter called in the home of Cyril Covington one afternoon recently.

Sgt. Emory Ranson was at Appomattox visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Inge and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ranson recently.

A. A. Baldwin and Cassie went to Appomattox Wednesday afternoon. While there they called to see G. H. Ranson.

A gloom was cast over the community by the death of Mrs. Sherman Garlinghouse last Wednesday morning. She was a true Christian lady and loved by all who knew her. The family has our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. Otis Ranson and sister, Miss Virginia Dare Almond, and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson went to Appomattox Saturday afternoon.

Jim Frank Ra[illegible] a nail in his foot last week.

C. S. Ranson went to Bedford Sunday to see Mr. Johnson.

A A Baldwin and Cassie called to see Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh Sunday afternoon.

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Tells of Death March of Jews

Driven Out of Budapest by Nazis, Thousands Die on Way to Austria.

GENEVA — How tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews perished in an epic "march of death" from Budapest to the Austrian frontier has been revealed here by one of the "marchers" who escaped to Switzerland. His eye-witness story, as published in the Swiss press, says:

"In the early days of November, thousands of Jews—men, women and children—were herded together in Budapest and driven afoot toward the Austrian border. For seven or eight days we marched an average of 30 kilometers daily, sometimes under heavy, cold rain. Before we set out, Hungarian Nazis searched us to prevent us from taking along any valuables. Our identity documents were taken away from us.

"The road leading from Budapest, via Komaron to the Hungarian border town of Hegyshalom, is more than 120 kilometers long. We were accompanied by members of the anti-Semitic Arrow Cross party. Anyone who showed signs of a breakdown was immediately shot. Wet through and through, our clothes torn to pieces, we had to spend nights sleeping along the roadside. Every two days we received a plate of watery soup and this was all.

Terror is Described.

"Of 160,000 Jews who started from Budapest only 75,000 reached the Austrian frontier. We were sent across the border in groups of 500. The Germans, however, selected only those who were fit for hard labor. The others were returned and driven into the woods, where many died of disease, exposure and starvation."

Meanwhile, the first authentic report of what has happened to the Jews in Budapest and other sections of Hungary since last March, when the German army occupied the country, reached here recently. It was smuggled out of Budapest.

"The Germans," the report says, "immediately started segregating Jews in ghettos. This was followed by mass deportations, so that by the middle of July not a single Jew remained in the Hungarian part of Transylvania, the Carpathian section of the country and southern Hungary. More than 600,000 Jews were deported within two months, most of them to the extermination camp of Oswiecim in German-occupied Poland.

"From Budapest only about 10,000 were deported at that time, while more than 250,000 were herded into special 'Jewish buildings.' It was hoped these Jews would not be molested, but the situation took a new turn in October, soon after the pro-Nazi Szalasi government came to power."

Thousands Die in Streets.

Acting upon the orders of Premier Ferenc Szalasi and supported by German troops, Arrow Cross units carried out a pogrom on October 15 during which many thousands of Jews were massacred in the Budapest streets, the report continues. On the pretext that Jews were hiding arms, Arrow Cross units invaded Jewish homes, dragged residents into the streets and killed them. German tanks and armored cars fired at buildings that Jewish residents refused to leave.

The next day an order was issued prohibiting Jews to leave their dwellings. For five days they could get no food. This was followed by segregation of all Jews in a ghetto around Tabak street.

About 14,000 Jews in Budapest, holders of Palestine emigration certificates and "security passports" issued by the Swiss and Swedish legations, were taken under the protection of the International Red Cross. They were confined in special houses in a fashionable section.

Soon Arrow Cross units began to hunt for Jews in this section. Several thousand holders of Swiss and Swedish passports were dragged into a synagogue, brutally beaten and their "security passports" torn up. They were then sent to a factory that was the center where Jewish slave laborers were held.

So Many Nazis Captured Yank Pens Can't Hold 'Em

WITH AN AMERICAN DIVISION NEAR WILTZ, LUXEMBURG. — When the Germans tried to escape from a pocket southeast of Bastogne this infantry division took so many prisoners it didn't know what to do with them. The score soon mounted to 2,000, with stragglers still coming in. One regimental enclosure was too small to hold them so 600 were turned into an open field.

Traffic Accidents Blamed on Drinking

CHICAGO. — Of the fatal automobile accidents occurring in 1943, about one in five involved a driver or pedestrian who had been drinking, according to the National Safety council.

Summaries show that one of every eight drivers and one of every five pedestrians involved in fatal traffic accidents had been drinking.

Warsaw Scene Of Many Wars

Polish Capital Has Been Held In Modern Times By 11 Conquerors.

NEW YORK. — The latest chapter in the stormy history of the city of Warsaw was enacted when the Russian army captured it recently. In modern times Warsaw has been occupied by foreign troops 11 times and has been the scene of many riots and insurrections.

During the years since Hitler plunged the world into the present conflict Warsaw has withstood two long and bloody sieges. On September 27, 1939, the city fell to the Germans after 20 days of epic resistance during which the Nazis released their "total war" against the ancient capital high on the west bank of the Vistula river, says the Chicago Tribune.

On August 1, 1944, Polish patriots within the city, fired by the approach of the Russian army, rose in revolt against the Germans. The Russians failed to break through the Nazi defense ring around the city and for 63 days the Polish underground fought on with supplies dropped by Allied planes. Finally on October 3 Lieut. Gen. Tadeusz Komorowski (General Bor) announced his partisan forces had surrendered.

Before the Polish capital fell to the Germans more than 60,000 persons of whom more than half were women and children had been killed by Nazi dive-bomber attacks and heavy artillery barrages. Some 100,000 other civilians were wounded.

Became Capital in 1350.

Warsaw is not an old city as European cities go. It seems to have emerged into history in the 13th century, although there are unverifiable surmises about an earlier history going back to perhaps the 9th century.

In 1350 it first became the capital of the then powerful Polish kingdom. King Charles Gustave of Sweden captured it in 1655 and held it for a year, when the Poles recaptured it. The city was severely damaged when King Charles XII of Sweden took it in 1702, but it became free again when peace was declared the following year.

The Russians took possession of it in 1764. Then in 1773 came the first partitioning of Poland and it went to Prussia. The Russians took it again in 1794 after a bloody assault.

Troops of Napoleon occupied it in 1806. The Austrians seized it in 1809, but gave it up after a few months and it once more became independent. The Russians captured it in 1813 and in 1830 there was an insurrection. After much bloodshed the Russians recaptured it the next year and held it through numerous uprisings until 1915 when the Germans captured it during the first World war.

Wrecked by Nazis.

Four separate offensives were undertaken by Germany in 1915 to reduce Russia's Polish salient, of which Warsaw was the center.

When the German armies began to disintegrate in 1918 the Poles set up their own government and for the third time in five centuries Warsaw became the capital of an independent Poland.

For nearly 21 years then, Warsaw was the capital of the Polish republic which arose from the ashes of the World war.

During the German occupation since 1939, Polish land and businesses were confiscated and given to Germans.

The Poles are a proud people whose reaction to attempts to deprive them of their liberty and their cultural heritage has repeatedly been one of violent rebellion.

The insurrection of 1863 against Russia resulted from a punitive and repressive policy almost unmatched in 19th century Europe. Death, banishment, confiscation of property, the closing of educational and religious establishments were among the devices Russia then used in an attempt to expunge the name and memory of Poland.

Until it was ruined in the present war, Warsaw was one of the pleasantest cities in Europe.

Yank's Gun Is Empty, but 34 Nazis Throw Up Hands

WITH AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY, WESTERN FRONT. — First Lieut. James Tower of Grand Island, N. Y., pointed his carbine down into a German machine gun nest and forced 34 Germans to emerge with their hands up.

All alone, he was marching his prisoners down the road toward a collecting point when a fellow officer joined him on the double.

"Don't look now, Jim," the other officer whispered, "but you haven't got any magazine in your carbine."

When Girl Whistles She's Not After Dates

LARAMIE, WYO.—Girls wishing at men on the University of Wyoming campus are not seeking dates. They are members of Spurs, a women's organization, engaged in a "keep off the grass" campaign. The girls have equipped themselves with police whistles, to be blown when errant feet—feminine or masculine—trample the campus grass.

Vera

Vera, March 28.- Miss Catherine Page, of Lynchburg spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Page.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault and family spent last Sunday with Mr and Mrs. Russell L. Harris, of Buckingham.

Mrs. Clem O'Brien spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Brien.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. North Robertson is getting along nicely, after a recent operation.

Mrs. Lula Beale and Mrs. Nahalie Robertson spent Thursday evening with Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

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Miss Margaret Stevens, of Kenbridge, Va., recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Stevens.

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SERVICE MENS NEWS

t. George Herbert Jamerson ith the First Army in Ger-. Prt. Jamerson entered the ce in August, 1944, and took basic training at Camp Blandg Florida. He is the son of Mr. Mrs. Oscar T. Jamerson, of mattox.

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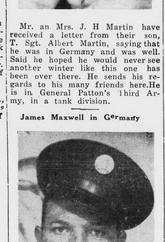


Mr. and Mrs. J. H Martin have received a letter from their son, T. Sgt. Albert Martin, saying that he was in Germany and was well. Said he hoped he would never see another winter like this one has been over there. He sends his regards to his many friends here.He is in General Patton's third Army, in a tank division.

James Maxwell in Germany

Pfc. James E. Maxwell is stationed somewhere in Germany.

BROTHERS MEET

Pfc. George Earl Wilkerson

Pfc. John A. Wilkerson

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson have received a letter from their son, Pfc. John Archer Wilkerson, who is in France, saying that he recently met his brother, Pfc. George Earl Wilkerson. They spent an hour together, which was a great treat as it was the first time they had seen each other in almost two years. He said he was hoping to meet his other brother, Sgt. Clarence Edward Wilkerson, who is in Germany, somewhere, some time.

Pfc. Harry W. Jarrell, who has been stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., has been transferred to Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Mrs. W. P. Patterson has received a letter from her son, Dugud Patterson, who was reported missing over Germany. The letter was from a camp in Germany.

S. Sgt. Russell T. Gilbert has been transferred from Camp Shelby, Miss., to Greensboro, N. C.

Pvt. Oscar Whitten, son of Mrs. Lewis Paris, is now stationed at Camp Blanding, Florida.

Pvt. Richard Murrell Ferguson has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ferguson, that he is somewhere in the Philippines. He writes that he is getting along fine and recently received 87 letters from home, a real treat!

We received a card last week from Sgt. W. C Hubbard.

David Ellis Wooldridge, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wooldridge, is in a Naval hospital at Boston, Mass. He has an injured hand. He was home recently on furlough.

Mrs. Chas. Seay has received a letter from her son, Sgt. Charles Seay. He wrote her that Thomas Smith has been up to see him and they had supper together. It was a real pleasure for these two Appomattox boys to meet— in the Netherlands East Indies.

U. S. forces drives south on Okinawa.

Claude Gallier, S 2-C, has written his mother that he is now in Belgium.

Pfc. Byron Cole, of Fort Story arrived today to spend 0 eighty furlough here.

K. D. Almond, E. M. 2-C, son Mr. and Mrs J P Almond, who has been overseas for 13 months, is spending a furlough. He will go to Washington, D.C. where he will enter a school for further training.

Pvt. James P.Burton is stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas.

Mrs. George L. Koos, Jr. has received a letter from her husband, Cpl. Koos, stating that he is now somewhere in Germany.

David Christian, III, U. S. N.R., of Charlottesville will spend this week-end at his home here.

Cpl. Lawrence Moore, who has been stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., has been transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia.

Cpl. Marvin Martin is now stationed at Lincoln, Nebraska.

New School Plans For Virginia

(By SCN) B, the opening of e school year 1945-46 something ew will have been added in many hools throughout the State because of recent legislation approv- by the General Assembly.

Even the smallest one -room chool house will have visual aching equipment such as maps, lobes and projectors, there will e more books in the libraries, instead of the truant officer there ll be a visiting teacher, students in various grades throughout the e l system will be subject to progress tests, home economics programs will be e t last, agricultural departments in many high schools will be re-opened. Distributive education courses will be extended in additional towns and cities, teachers will receive higher salaries because of increased state contribution and may enter into contracts with school boards for longer than one year, and pupils will not have to continue in school after their sixteenth birthday.

The State Board of Education is now at work on a tentative list of school needs throughout the State in the visual equipment line which, when completed will be sent to all school boards and to all superintendents for approval and suggestion. The great lack of such equipment in so many of the State's schools was brought out forcibly by Governor Darden out lowing an informal inspection tour of various schools throughout the State. Because of this desperate need in many classrooms and the expense of these aides, especially motion picture equipment and because of the proven success of visual aid training in the army, navy and industry, the General Assembly appropriated $1,112,530 for the purchase of maps, globes, charts, projectors, slides, films and the like. The money will be apportioned as nearly as possible on a basis of $2 a child.

In addition to the purchase of this material, the Assembly also appropriated $100,000 for the production of motion picture films of Virginia's natural resources, famous historical scenes, objects and the like and the State Board of Education plans to begin work on these by early fall. When completed they will be added to the Department's Film Library.

More books will be available in school libraries because of a $50,000 appropriation voted by the General Assembly which means that the State will contribute $2 instead of $30 for each $60 library unit and the amount required from private sources instead of $15, as has been the rule heretofore.

The General Assembly also passed a measure which would allow county and city school boards to purchase school books and rent them out to their pupils if the boards so desired.

Local Boy Rescued From Cold Waters off Iwo Jima

Special to Times-Virginian

Icy water and strafing enemy planes were the worst hazards faced by most of the survivors of the carrier USS Bismarck Sea which was sunk off Iwo Jima, Hubert H. Caldwell, 19, Seaman First Class, USNR, of Appomattox, said upon reaching San Diego.

The Virginia seaman, who was one of the first survivors of the escort carrier returned to the United States, now is a convalescent patient at the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, the Eleventh Naval District disclosed.

He suffered mainly from exposure during 90 minutes in the cold sea off Iwo before he was rescued by a destroyer.

"We were hit just after dark," Bluejacket Caldwell said. "I was standing on the forward end of the flight deck and saw the Japanese bomber come in toward the stern. The plane was hit by our gunners, but it dropped its load, starting fires on the deck."

Seaman Caldwell said he rushed to the stern to aid in fighting the flames but a few minutes later another enemy plane came over bombing the stricken carrier again.

"Then, there was a big explosion and I was thrown violently to the deck," he said. "I heard later that some of our torpedoes had exploded.

"There was no longer any water with which to fight the fires and the order to abandon ship was given. I stripped and climbed down a line into the water."

Bluejacket Caldwell said that after a few minutes swimming, he found a raft and stayed aboard it until he got close enough to a destroyer to swim to her.

"All of us on that raft were chilled to the bone," he said. "Several of the men suffered from cramps and a few fell off and disappeared in the dark before we could reach them. That hour and a half in the water was the worst I have ever been through. Intermittently, Jap planes came in and let us strafe us."

The Virginian participated in action off the Philippines before going to Iwo Jima. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Caldwell, Sr., of Appomattox.

S. Sgt. Russell T. Gilbert and wife have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gilbert. Those visiting in this home Sunday recently were Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Gilbert, from N. C., Mr. and Mrs Robert Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Blackburn, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Ferguson and four children, Mr. and Mrs. O. U. Gunter and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Agee and daughter, Doris, of Buckingham, and Mrs. Bill Wirtz, and daughter, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Ferguson, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Martin and daughter, of South Hill; Pfc. Otway Martin and wife, and Willie Page.

"This is a little Easter prayer that I am sending mother from Italy, on Easter. Willard C. Johnson."

"Lord Jesus, thou has known a mother's love and tender care, and thou wilt hear me while for my mother most dear, I make this Sabbath prayer. Protect her life, I pray, who gave the gift of life to me. And may she know from day to day the deepening grace of joy that comes from "thee. I cannot pay my debt to her for the love that she has given. Thou, dearest Lord will not forget her reward. Bless her in earth and heaven. Amen."

Willard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnson.

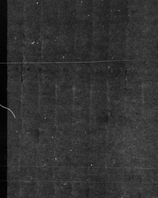
Team Wins

The Appomattox High School baseball team defeated Farmville Tuesday, there, by a score of 14 to 6. Alton Moore pitched for Appomattox.

War Dep[illegible]t Cites Peril[illegible]ail to Missing

WASHINGTON — The war department warned recently that sending letters through the International Red Cross, to soldiers listed as missing in action may endanger the lives of those soldiers.

A soldier listed as missing in action, the department explained, may have escaped capture by the enemy. But a letter may only serve to notify the enemy that he is still at large in their territory.



HUBERT H. CALDWELL JR.

(This photo was rushed to the Times-Virginian from the Navy at San Diego.)

Poll Tax Deadline

Senator Chas. T. Moses today called attention to the fact that capitation taxes must be paid six months prior to the general election in November, to be eligible to vote in this year's primary and general election. He urges all Appomattox citizens to qualify in order to vote this year.

Collect Old Clothing

The Appomattox Lions Club is sponsoring a collection of clothing for war refugees during the current month. Collection boxes will be placed at H. C. Pulliam's store here, J. H. Lucado's garage, the Court House, and at the agricultural building on the school campus.

Blood Donors

Over 100 blood donors are expected to go from this county today to the Red Cross Blood Bank at Charlottesville.

Forest Fires

Forest fires burned over an area near Bent Creek last week, and also burned over several acres in the Chap neighborhood.

War News - -

The Russian army has rolled to the suburbs of Vienna, where the Germans may make a street by street defense.

Now 3,000 plane aid raid on the Reich spearheaded by American planes. Submarine pens at Keil and Hamburg are hit.

The Swiss - Italian frontier has been closed, in anticipation of a pending development on the front in Northern Italy.

German reports place French Army in Karlsruhe.

Robot attacks on England have diminished this week

Leaders say that the Yank Invasion of key Okinawa Island is progressing far better than expected.

OWI figures that Japanese Navy dead 262,000.

At last official reports, General Patton's Third Army was less than 130 miles of Berlin.

Russian army captures Bratislava, capitol of Slovakia.

Estimates today were that the Allied and Russian armies were 140 miles apart and speeding toward a meeting.

Kassel, Gotha and Suhl captured in Germany by swift push.

Try a Classified Adv.

Pamplin Boy Killed in Action In Germany

We are informed that Millard St. John, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. St. John, of Pamplin, was killed in action in Germany on March 17. The message was received by his parents yesterday morning.

We are also informed that Howard Penley, son-in-law of William Tolley, Pamplin, has been reported wounded in action in Germany.

Milk Station Gallonage Increases

During the month of March, the Cobbs Dairy Products milk receiving station at Appomattox paid out $7,514.22 to farmers for milk. Of this total, $2,133.08 went to Appomattox County farmers.

In announcing these figures yesterday, an official ... ne plant said that the total gallonage of milk received April 3 was 1,394, and a daily increase in gallonage was being noted.

Two additional milk routes to the Appomatox plant have been lined up, one from Buckingham County and the other from west Campbell County. These will start operation within two weeks, and will further increase the gallonage being received here.

Farmers are taking full advantage of the early season to put cattle to pasture and increase the production of milk.

Baptists to Have Meeting

The Appomattox Baptist Association will meet in all-day session with the Drakes Branch Baptist Church on Wednesday, April 11th. The following delegates are designated to represent Liberty Baptist Church: Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Caldwell, W. S. Taylor, Mrs. Don Moses, George Abbitt, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Morris, Mr and Mrs. Lester Harvey.

Chapter Hears From Boys

The local chapter of Services for Service Men has recently heard from:

James C. Austin: London
Cpl. James E. Maxwell: France
John T. Hall: California
Major Dale Honeycutt: France
S. Sgt. Herbert Beard, Salina, Kansas

Floyd Jarrells: Holland

They all expressed appreciation for the notes and cards from the organization representing folks back home. Floyd Jarrells sent a picture showing how towns look after what they have been through.

Herbert Beard sent a new address for his county paper.

Garden Club Will Meet

The Garden Club will meet at the Library April 13, at 3 o'clock. Mesdames C. F. James and C. C. O'Brien will be joint hostesses. Mrs. L. Crawley, program chairman will have as guest speaker, Rev. J. Howard Macrae, who will speak on Conservation. Exhibits will be: arrangements in wooden containers. Branches of trees to be identified. It is expected that Mrs. M. W. Jarvis, of Bedford, president of the State Federation of Garden Clubs will be present.

The Navy has cut its draft call for May in half. It is expected that the Navy will reach its peak strength by July 1.

British drive to 45 miles of the North Sea, flanking key Nazi positions.